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IN RE: Petitioner:
Beneficiary:

PETITION: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER: SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the AAO inappropriately applied the law in reaching its decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen in accordance with the instructions on Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. The specific requirements for filing such a motion can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. **Do not file any motion directly with the AAO.** Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires any motion to be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

Ron Rosenberg
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The Director, California Service Center, denied the nonimmigrant visa petition, and the matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be summarily dismissed.

The petitioner claims to be a software development and consulting company that seeks to employ the beneficiary as a computer programmer. The petitioner, therefore, endeavors to classify the beneficiary as a nonimmigrant worker in a specialty occupation pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b). The director denied the petition, finding that the petitioner had failed to establish that the petitioner maintained a qualifying employer-employee relationship with the beneficiary.

The petitioner submitted a timely Form I-290B on December 23, 2011 and indicated that a brief and/or additional evidence would be submitted to the AAO within 30 days. As of this date, however, the AAO has not received any additional evidence into the record. Therefore, the record is considered complete as currently constituted.

The director provided a detailed analysis and specifically cited the deficiencies in the evidence in the course of the denial. The petitioner's statement on Form I-290B does not specifically identify any errors on the part of the director. Specifically, the petitioner states as follows:

We respectfully request that Notice of Appeal accompanied by the filing [fee] of \$585.00 be considered timely filed pursuant to 8 CFR § 103.5[.]

The denial decision of I-129 (H1B) petition bearing case number [REDACTED] is arbitrary and capricious. H1B petition should be granted. Brief will [sic] required evidence will be submitted within 30 days to AAO.

An officer to whom an appeal is taken shall summarily dismiss any appeal when the party concerned fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v). The petitioner fails to specify how the director made any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact in denying the petition. As the petitioner fails to present additional evidence on appeal to overcome the decision of the director, the appeal will be summarily dismissed in accordance with 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v).

The burden of proof in this proceeding rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. The petitioner has not sustained that burden.

Moreover, a review of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records indicates that, subsequent to the filing of the instant petition, another employer filed a Form I-129 petition seeking nonimmigrant H-1B classification on behalf of the beneficiary. USCIS records further indicate that this other employer's petition was approved on March 29, 2012. Because the beneficiary in the instant petition has been approved for H-1B employment with another petitioner, further pursuit of the matter

at hand would be moot and the appeal would be dismissed for this reason, even if it were not being summarily dismissed.

ORDER: The appeal is summarily dismissed.